



# E-Mail Newsletter

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## Meeting Dates

### November 6<sup>th</sup>

8am - TEAM Blanchard

6pm - BPS Board of Ed

### November 7<sup>th</sup>

6pm - BoA [Canceled]

### November 9<sup>th</sup>

6pm - Planning Commission

### November 14<sup>th</sup>

2pm - Traffic Court

### November 14<sup>th</sup>

6pm - BMIA

6pm - City Council

### November 16<sup>th</sup>

4pm - Juvenile/Code Court

### November 20<sup>th</sup>

6pm - Tourism

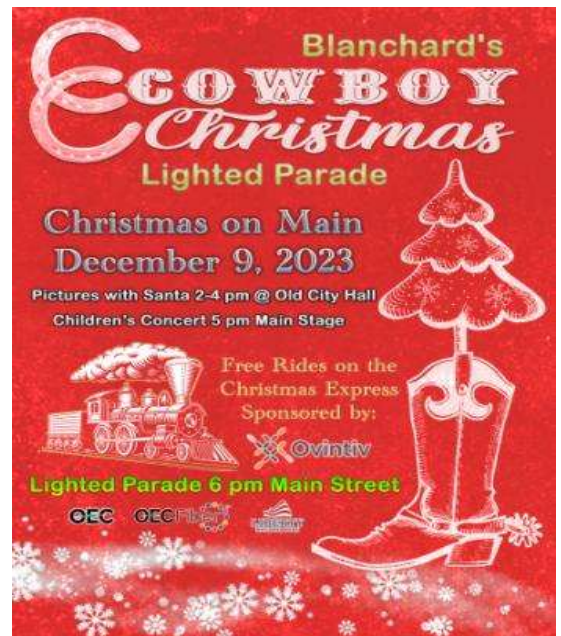
\*All City Boards, Commissions, & Authority meets at the Municipal Court House unless otherwise noted.

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## Christmas on Main

- Pictures with Santa @ 2pm-4pm
- Shop Blanchard Giveaways @ 4:30pm
- Children's Christmas Concert
  - Lighted Christmas Parade
- Parade starts at 6 PM

Come on down and enjoy Christmas on Main starting with pictures with Santa at the Old City Hall, then step onto Main Street for a Christmas concert followed by a lighted parade.



## Daylite Saving Time Ends

FALL BACK **SUNDAY**, **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, when Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Clocks will "fall back" one-hour. Credit for Daylite Saving Time belongs to Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested the idea in 1784. The idea was revised in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a similar system in the pamphlet 'The Waste of Daylight'.



The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light extending

# Special Events

## NOVEMBER

5<sup>th</sup> ~ Daylight Savings  
End

11<sup>th</sup> ~ Veterans Day

15<sup>th</sup> ~ Nat'l Recycling  
Day

23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Thanksgiving  
Day

24<sup>th</sup> ~ Thanksgiving  
After

For more info, visit the Parks  
Facebook Page regarding  
City sponsored events

For Blanchard City events:  
Please visit our website at  
[www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us)

Library Events: Please visit  
their website at  
<https://pioneer.libnet.info/events?l=virtual,blanchard>

system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War I. The British switched one year later, and the United States followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers [cows don't pay attention to clocks]. During World War II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again [this time year around] to save fuel.

SO REMEMBER! When you change the clocks, change your batteries in your smoke and CO<sup>2</sup> detectors.

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## Holiday Schedule

Veterans Day, observed **November 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ City Offices **Closed**

Thanksgiving Day, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ City Offices **Closed**

Day After Thanksgiving, **November 24<sup>th</sup>** ~ City Offices **Closed**

Trash service will **NOT** run on Thanksgiving (**Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**) and Christmas Day (**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**).

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## House Numbering

In an emergency, first responders (fire, police and ambulance) and utility service technicians depend on clearly marked addresses to find the right home as quickly as possible. Finding a residence can be challenging if street addresses (house numbers) are unreadable, hidden, unlit or missing. You can help emergency responders and service technicians locate your home by following these tips:

- Replace aging or faded numbers;
- Clear all obstructions (hanging plants, bushes, flags, etc.) from blocking your house number;
- Post large numbers to allow visibility from the street;
- Place your numbers near the street or on the curb, with a reflective coating and contrasting background;
- Allow numbers to be seen from all directions (if your home is on a corner, have numbers posted on all sides).

The BMC §4-402 requires all building and houses to be numbered. The even numbers (2,4,6, etc.) shall be on the east side of the streets extending north and south, and on the south side of the streets extending east and west; the odd numbers (1,3,5, etc.) shall be on the opposite side of streets.

# After Hours

For Public Works after-hour incidents:

- \*water leaks
- \*waterline breaks
- \*sewer backups
- \*sewer line breaks
- \*lift station alarms
- \*manholes overflowing
- \*low-water pressure
- \*no water
- \*potholes
- \*road repairs
- \*signs missing
- \*signs down
- \*roadway flooding
- \*debris in road
- \*street lite out

Please call  
405.485.9391.

The Blanchard Emergency Communications Center is 24-7 and will contact the on-call personnel regarding the incident.

## Moment of Silence

In 2016, the President of the United States, signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. The Proclamation calls for the American people everywhere to observe a two-minute national moment of silence on Veterans Day, **November 11<sup>th</sup>** at **1:11** p.m. Central Standard Time.

A century ago, America was fighting a war to liberate Europe. However, the U.S. involvement was relatively short in time compared to other countries ... but the sacrifices were enormous. A total of 116,516 Americans paid the ultimate price. Another 200,000 were wounded.

The Armistice signed on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918 was signed during the First World War between the Allies and Germany - also known as the Armistice of Compiegne after the location in which it was signed - and the agreement ended the fighting on the Western Front.

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## National Recycling Day

**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** is National Recycling Day. Only 31% of items that customers put in their recycling cart cannot be recycled and must be sent to a landfill. Reduce contamination in recycling carts with these tips:

- Do empty, clean and dry jars and bottles;
- Don't bag recyclables. Put all items loose in your cart. Plastic Bags are considered contamination and delay the recycling process;
- Don't use your recycling cart for household, yard waste or construction trash.

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## New City Hall

The City of Blanchard offices will be relocated to the Riley Exploration building located at 2008 N. Council Avenue.

The Police Department and the Emergency Communications Center will be relocated to the current City Hall at 122 N. Main.

Plans for City Hall will be moved on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> and both the Police Department and the Emergency Communications Center, move will occur on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Shop Local

Here's what happens when you "shop local."

1. For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 stays in Blanchard. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at a national chain? Only \$43 stays in the community\*.

2. You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's in the U.S. So why would you want your community to look that way?

3. Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for your neighbors. When you shop locally, you help create jobs for firemen, police officers, and many other essential professions.

4. Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging.

5. Local business owners know you, and you know them. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains.

6. Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and more money available to beautify the community. Also, spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong - in Blanchard.

## Now Hiring

The City of Blanchard has openings in MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS for both full-time and part-time positions.

Please visit our website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us) for all the current openings (postings will be available ASAP).

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).

## Oil 'n Gas

There were **NO** oil wells permitted or completed in Blanchard according to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission since **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**.

## Oklahoma Heritage Week

The signing of the Statehood Proclamation on November 16, 1907, was the most significant action in the history of the State of Oklahoma. The week of **November 12<sup>th</sup>** through the **18<sup>th</sup>** has been declared 'OKLAHOMA HERITAGE WEEK' in the State of Oklahoma.

All Oklahomans should pause during this time and reflect on our Oklahoma heritage, as well as our national heritage. Blanchard has the obligation and privilege to play an important role in the observance of this great week! So the Blanchard City Council issued a proclamation declaring the week of **November 12<sup>th</sup>** thru the **18<sup>th</sup>** to be 'Oklahoma Heritage Week' in Blanchard and encourages all citizens, families, clubs, churches, business organizations and schools in Blanchard to give personal attention to all special Statehood Day observances, to fly the State Flag and the National Colors, to participate in and help sponsor programs, projects, and activities emphasizing the heritage of our great State.

## Planning Agenda

- Open, conduct, and close Public Hearing to receive public comments on a Zoning Application submitted by:

Applicant: Bryce Binyon

7. Locally owned businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

8. You are their friends and neighbors, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. They're passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

9. Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

10. The more interesting and unique Blanchard community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This **BENEFITS EVERYONE!**

\* Civic Economics - Andersonville Study of Retail Economics.

Current Zoning: A-1 Agricultural District  
Proposed Zoning: C-5 Residential Estates District  
Location: 1072 S. State HWY 76

- Discussion and vote on a motion adopting Resolution No. 2023-26 recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Zoning application (Bryce Binyon)
- Consent Agenda.
- Executive Session.

The regular November meeting of the Blanchard City Council will be **Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

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## Police Blotter

**No Arrests.**

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## School In Session



The Blanchard Public Schools are in session!

Please drive carefully in posted school zones. The speed limit is 25 mph ... and fines are double for speeding.

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## Senior Nutrition Center

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serves a fully balanced lunch (entrees, sides, desserts, tea and coffee) for all senior citizens five (5) days a week beginning at **11:30am, Monday thru Friday.**

**MENU:**

**(November 6<sup>th</sup> - November 10<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday** ~ Spaghetti, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Dessert.

**Tuesday** ~ Ham & Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Corn, Dessert.

**Wednesday** ~ Chicken & Rice, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

**Thursday** ~ Hobo Beans, Pickles and Onions, Cornbread, Dessert.

**Friday** ~ **CLOSED**.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested to insure the continuance in meeting the nutritional needs of our elderly citizens.

Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal. If you need a ride to the Center located at 101 S. Main Street, the City contracts with Delta Transit to provide bus service. Rides are available by calling 1-866-THAT-BUS. For more information, call (405) 485-9260.

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## *So...Think Shop Live Blanchard*

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and the local economy relies on where residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety (police, fire, 911 services), public facilities, projects, programs and services. Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting community schools and non-profits.

If there's one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local! Grab dinner in Blanchard on your way home. You'd be surprised what a difference that can make. Shopping locally benefits the entire community. Make your tax dollars work for you and our community.

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## *Upcoming Special Events*

- \* **November 10<sup>th</sup>** ~ Veterans Memorial Dedication
- \* **November 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ Veterans Day Parade (Main Street)
- \* **December 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ Christmas Events & Parade of Lites

Details of each event will be posted on the City's Facebook page and the City's website.

# Veterans Day



Originally Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the agreement that ended World War I at 11:00am, on November 11, 1918, this federal holiday was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by Congress. At that time, it became a day to honor all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of

the United States. Each year, special ceremonies are held around the nation honoring our veterans.

Please consider spending some time on-line learning more about our nation's true HEROES [the American Veteran] who have served our country in time of peace and war.



Each year we take time to thank, honor and remember our Veterans.

The Parade will be Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30am on Main Street and proceed south to Yarbrough Heat & Air.

Anyone that would wish to participate may do so by filling out a form and emailing it to [parks@cityofblanchard.us](mailto:parks@cityofblanchard.us)